

Dear Commissioner Powell:

As a concerned citizen of the United States of America, I respectfully request that you reverse your decision on not allowing for a public airing of proposed media concentration rules and allow for a brief postponement to allow public reaction. As we can see from the media coverage of the U.S. Forces' illegal invasion of Iraq, we cannot allow even fewer individuals to determine what news we will be allowed to hear, see, and read, and not hear, see, and read. It is a slap in my face, and in the face of our democratic principles, when, as a U.S. citizen, I had to rely on foreign media sources to learn what was really happening in the events surrounding this invasion.

The airwaves belong to me and to all people. You and the majority of the FCC commissioners are trying to take them away from us. I imagine that there are conflicts of interest as well. As in the case with most Bush Administration decisions, friends of the administration make a lot of money from the decisions that are made. In these days, as we see our hard fought for democracy crumble around us, I applaud heroes like Commissioner Copps and Adelstein, two of America's true patriots. They are trying to save democracy and I pray to God that they, and others like them, will be successful against you and others like you.

Sincerely,

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